Rocks

DEC. 6 - Here's wishing the Editor and his Staff and all the Times-Virginian readers a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

It was very cold here last week. Just so thankful it wasn't snow or sleet.

Farmers were well pleased with tobacco prices last week. They work so hard to get it.

Sympathy is extended the Alvin Price family in their recent bereavement.

The Christmas Party for the Extension Homemakers was well attended on Thursday night at Mrs. Mary Ranson. They exchanged gifts and had a good time. Delicious refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Harvey are "all smiles". It's a girl, 8 lbs, 8 ozs., Melissa Marie, born at Virginia Baptist Hospital on December 2.

The Mildred Collins Sunday School of Rocks had a Christmas Party of their class at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis on Saturday night. Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Bowman were the honored guests.

The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions had its last program Sunday night. We hope everyone will do his or her part in reaching our goal of $575.00.

The Friendship Circle will meet with Mrs. Lockie Moore on Tuesday at 1 p.m., Dec. 6.

Don't forget on Wednesday night, Dr. and Mrs. Bowman will be showing slides of the Holy Land at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Williams and Steve, of Waynesboro, made a short visit Sunday afternoon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Roach, of Pamplin. It was Mrs. William's birthday.

Mrs. Rachel Ranson called to see Mrs. Annie Warriner, of Evergreen, awhile Thursday afternoon.

Sorry to hear Mrs. Jennie Meadows of Pamplin had a stroke on Wednesday and is in a hospital in Lynchburg. A speedy recovery is wished her.

Rev. W. H. Elder was among the pastors attending a tea at the Robert E. Lee Academy held recently. They held chapel there each week. The students presented a program for the pastors.

4-H'ers Share the Fun contest to be held on December 9 will include the following from this area: Billy Caldwell, Tom Cobb, Malcom Miller, Susan Morris and Patty Roach.

It was good to see Bill Caldwell out again after being sick for several months.

Louise Roach is doing fine and hopes to be out soon.

Katherine Baldwin has been moved from Southside Hospital in Farmville to Lynchburg General Hospital. She continues ill there. Hope she has a speedy recovery.

Jennifer Roach celebrated her 4th birthday on Tuesday night.

Oakville

The Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church Christmas program will be at the church December 12th at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Ruth Clapp is spending some time with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Martin.

Jimmy Burcher, U. S. Navy, spent the past weekend home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Burcher.

Deepest sympathy is extended the family of Mr. Alfred Garrett who passed away last week.

Sorry Mrs. Maggie Gardner is quite ill at Lynchburg General Hospital. Our prayers are for her recovery.

The Rocks Quartet went to present a program of gospel music Sunday night. Guess Where?

Christmas Play at Rocks on Dec. 19. Children's Christmas Program on Dec. 22.

Mrs. Tommy Drinkard, Mrs. Fleming Drinkard, Mrs. Ricky Lewis and Miss Jackie Cobb spent Saturday in Richmond.

Glad to report Mr. Wiley Moore is improving at Lynchburg General Hospital.

Cannan Baptist

The regular business meeting of the church will be saturday, December 11th at 7:30 p.m. All members are asked to please attend.

Regular preaching service will be held on Sunday, Dec. 12th at 11:30 a.m. with Rev. C. L. Elliott in charge of the service. The Canaan Echoes will render the music, communion will be served.

Pre-Christmas program will be Sunday Dec. 12th at 7:00 p.m. Title: "The Living Christmas Tree". Come and enjoy the occasion with us. Refreshments will be served by the Ladies club. Mrs. Sabra Ferguson in charge.

Special services will be held on December 26th at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Rev. C. L. Elliott will be in charge. Please come and worship with us.

BIRTHDAYS

Dora Jean Williams	Dec. 5
Jimmie Ranson	Dec. 10
Susan Morris	Dec. 16
Norma Jean Scruggs	Dec. 15
Diane Hamlin	Dec. 16
Tommy Harris	Dec. 22
Bob Martin	Dec. 23
Edith Nash	Dec. 28
Agnes Fleshman	Dec. 29
Irene Whitehead	Dec. 31
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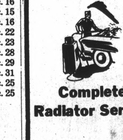

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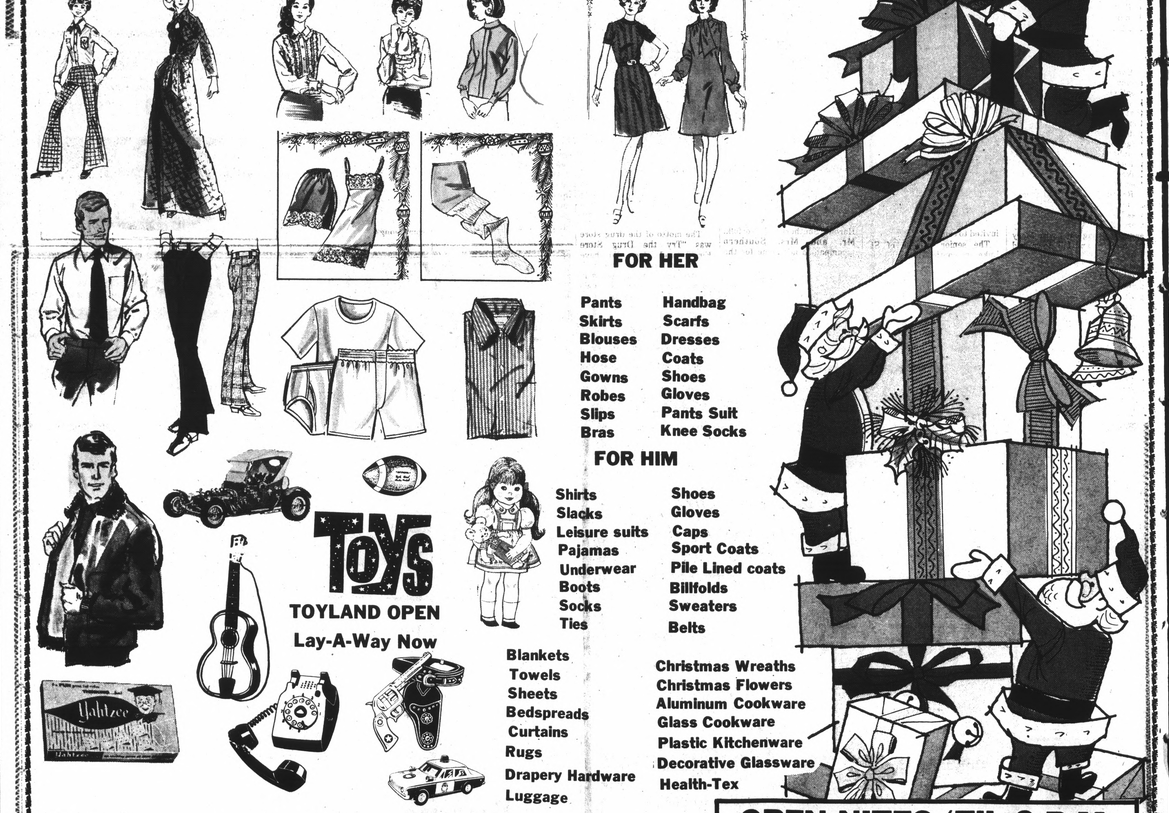

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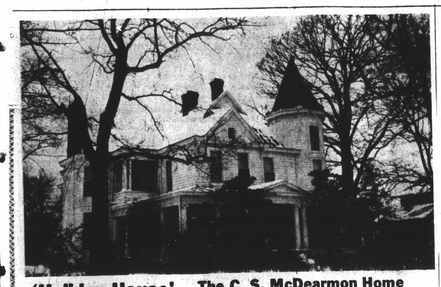

'Holiday House' The C. S. McDearmon Home

The C. S. McDearmon home on Church Street in Appomattox will be open to the public when the Appomattox Garden Club sponsors "Holiday House" on Sunday, December 19th from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m.

The entire first floor of the McDearmon home will be decorated for Christmas by membes of the Garden Club and the public is invited to view the home and see the beautiful decorations for an admission of only $1.00 per person.

History of the "Holiday House": Colonel Samuel D. McDearmon, Representative of the Virginia House of Delegates and later of the State Senate, lived in the part of Appomattox called Clover Hill, a few hundred yards from the Old Appomattox Court House. In 1852, he sold his house to Jacob Tibbs and decided to move his family west to Nebraska, loaded up his wagon and began his journey. He got as far as the present Appomattox Court House, changed his mind, located here and named the place Nebraska. He became the first postmaster.

He built his house at the location of the present C. S. McDearmon home and he also opened a mercantile business on the corner where the Spencer drug store building is now located.

Col. McDearmon died in 1871 and this property was acquired by J. R. Atwood early in the 1870's. The McDearmon family moved to what is known as the John Taylor farm, now the home of Gerald Wilbun.

A part of the present house is the original house constructed by Col. Samuel McDearmon but the front rooms were added and the house remodeled from time to time by the Atwood family.

The present home was bought from Mrs. J. R. Atwood in the year 1925 by the late Clarence S. McDearmon and has been occupied since that time by his family.

C. S. McDearmon died in 1956 and since that time the 14 room house has been occupied by his daughters, Miss Mildred McDearmon and Mrs. Frances McD. Cheatham.

The Garden Club, Mrs. Cheatham & Miss McDearmon invite you to come by the "Holiday House" on Sunday, December 19th. You will enjoy your visit.

St. Luke

Even though old man winter seems to have control of the weather, it is refreshing to know that many people feel that a portion of this God given time is supposed to be used in public worship services. Thus, a large group of friends and members attended the regular preaching services at the St. Luke Baptist Church Sunday Dec. 5th at 11:00 a.m.

Rev. J. E. McLaughlin gave an inspiring message. The text was Matt. 2:11. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him, presented unto him gifts; gold and frankincense and myrrh. The subject was "What are you giving God for Christmas?". This was a great message, and was taken with encouraging thoughts by the listeners.

Adult No. 2 and Jr. Choir gave inspiring music relative to the season. Members from the Deacon board lifted the offerings. The amount will be reported in January 1, 1977.

For Nov. 7, 1976 the Offering was as follows: Tithes and Offerings, $49.00 and for the Sunday School $42.00, for a total of $89.00. Thanks goes out to the many friends, Well wishers, and members for their financial and moral support.

Please come to St. Luke church December 12th at 3:00 p.m. to hear the message by Rev. Alvin Jones and the musical concert by Mrs. Evelyn Berry with Mr. Tim Lawing at the piano. You will not regret the coming. This is sponsored by the W. S. C. S. of the church.

Another big event Dec. 19th at 6:00 p.m. is the Christmas Tree and program by the St. Luke Church school. You are invited to come.

The senior citizens of St. Luke are continuing a quilting party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Hurtt Dec. 13th.

Mr. and Mrs J. W. King were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Canada Sunday Dec. 5th. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Carter were visitors in the same home recently.

Friends that are on the sick list are Mr. C. R. Spencer, Mr. Ike Davis and Miss Mary Jones. Hoping for them to soon be up and around.

Merry Christmas to all.

Pamplin

Our sympathy extended to the family of Mr. Alvin N. Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Austin and son Jeffrey of Richmond visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lynford Cumby Thanksgiving weekend.

The Pamplin Chapter of A.A.R.P. will meet Thursday, December 10th at the United Methodist Church. Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. C. V. Wingfield returned home last Saturday after a visit with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Southern of Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Southern accompanied her home for the weekend.

Mr. Harry Davis of Richmond spent last weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Davis.

Mrs. David Covington entered Virginia Baptist Hospital last Sunday for tests and maybe surgery.

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Dickerson. Their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Braxton Dickerson of Portsmouth passed away last week after a short illness.

Then And Now

By: Frances H. Paulette

Note: To Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Stanley, of Church Street, Appomattox, Va. I say a hearty "thank you" for letting me spend a morning with you. Thank you, Mr. Stanley for going back in time to the days of THEN and telling me so many interesting facts. Without your help, I couldn't have written this article.

Mr. Stanley worked in the drug store for about four years, then for the H. M. Burge Store in Appomattox from 1921 until 1942. From 1942 until 1971 he was a rural mail carrier. Now retired after twenty-nine years of faithful service, he enjoys fishing and gardening. He is known all around Appomattox as an expert gardener.

That handsome soda-jerk of the days of Then, has beautiful white hair, a ready smile and quite a store of interesting tales of the days gone by.

Thanks a million Reggie!

Reggie Remembers

"It's been a long, long, time, there's no doubt about it" THOUGHT Reginald W. Stanley of Church Street, Appomattox, better known to his many friends as Reggie. With a thoughtful look on his face, he leaned over and turned off the television set before the news was over, and at the same time let the morning paper drop to to the floor beside his chair.

Had a visitor peeked into the room, he might have tipped quietly away, thinking Mr. Stanley to be taking a nap. Though seemingly relaxed, Reggie's thoughts were rushing back in time. The talk of Swine Flu on the morning news and in the paper brought back memories of the flu epidemic in Appomattox when he was a young soda jerk, clerk, and man of all talents in the Drug Store on the corner of Main Street and Church.

Reggie was approximately fourteen years of age when he went to work for Dr. James around 1917 - 1918. Dr. Charles F. James, druggist came to Appomattox from Lynchburg but was originally from Dendron, Virginia near Wakefield.

The motto of the drug store was "Try the Drug Store First", and they did have almost anything you could wish for. Dr. James was a good man to work for because he paid enough for Reggie to buy all his clothes, personal items and still have a little left over. Then there was the bonus! When one of the clerks sold certain items--a manicure set, or a dresser set which consisted of a matching comb, brush, and mirror and certain other things, Dr. James gave the clerks a ten per cent bonus. Around Christmas time this meant a sizable addition to the salary because these items were popular among the young men as gifts to their lady friends.

The corner drug store was the meeting place of the townspeople. It opened at seven in the morning and remained open until ten or eleven at night, depending on how many people were in there. A customer dropping by almost any evening might see some of the well-known men of the county recalling the events of the day. There might be Dr. L. L. Gayle, local dentist, Duvall Conner, Luther Morris, E. T. Mitchell, Zack Cheatham, or Dr. D. N. Twyman, a local doctor, and others as they relaxed at the end of a long day.

If a young man of the days of THEN had a date with his girl and he owned a car, the "thing to do" was to take the girl for a ride and bring her back to the drug store for ice cream or maybe a sandwich.

Mr. Stanely recalls Dr. James first got his ice cream sent down from Lynchburg. Later he began making his own. An ice cream cone piled high would cost .05 while a big saucer--almost too much to eat at one time would be .10. Should the young lady be really hungry, there were delicious sandwiches, made at home by Mrs. James, wife of the druggist and brought daily to the store. Lets hope that when a fellow took his girl in the store that it had not been Court Day of a Horse Sale that day because most likely they would be sold out of ice cream and the sandwich supply long since depleted. It was the custom of the people far and wide in the county to come to town on Court Day and Horse Sale day and spend the entire day.

As well as prescription drugs there were patent medicines guaranteed to cure all! Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar would "cure the sneezes, caused by cold breezes" to quote an ad in the Times-Virginian of that day. Then there was the cure-all Castor Oil. Usually the customer brought his own container, maybe a quart jar or an old whisley bottle. The castor oil was delivered to the drug store in a drum and run out into containers as needed.

Things went rather well at Drug Store with few hardships until the flu hit Appomattox, and that was something else!

All this talk of flu and medicines has gotten me a little tired. Why don't we leave the drug store for today and visit again next week? We'll see just what happened to Reggie. If you have taken your flu shot, I think it'll be safe for you to go with me. How about it, like to come along?

Hollywood

Dinner guests o Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Woodson thanksgiving were Mr. and Mrs. Legrand Webb and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Wingfield of Roanoke spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and family. Mrs. Kenneth Deaner and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson and children visited in this home Saturday night.

Mr. Calvin Smith has lunch Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman, Rev. Clarence Davis visited Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Wednesday.

Mrs. W. T. Covington and Mr. David R. Turns visited Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jenkins visited Mrs. H. W. Jenkins Sunday.

We are sorry to hear Mr. Scott Sheets is on the sick list. Also Miss Delorious Deaner - we pray each of them and any others who may be sick may soon be well.

We were very sorry to hear of the recent death of Mrs. Pearl C. Marshall. Deepest sympathy is with her love ones.

We are happy to hear Mrs. Walker Snuggs is home from the hospital. Her many friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

Rev. Otis Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman Thursday. Mr. Raymond Turns visited in this home friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams of Lynchburg and Mrs. Beulah Johnson of Appomattox visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and family Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa also called in this home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Woodall of Lynchburg were visitors Saturday night of Mrs. Mary Bagby and Mr. F. O. Covington.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb, Joyce and Odell Webb visited their sister and aunt, Mrs. Robert Morris and family of Buckingham Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Henson Morris also visited in this home Sunday afternoon.

We are glad Mrs. Mattie C. Franklin has been transferred from the post operative care unit to a room at the Lynchburg General Hospital. We pray she may soon be feeling better.

Rev. W. H. Elder and daughter Joanne visited Mrs. Mary Bagby Sunday afternoon. Others visiting in this home were Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Wingfield, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and Julia, Mr. Walker Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Woodall and children and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa.

Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Drinkard and Mrs. James Conner were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and Mr. F. O. Covington spent Tuesday in Lynchburg visiting relatives and friends.

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